

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLDEGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING – Comprehensive Plan – Deb Lilly from ARa opened the public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan. She initially discussed the history of the comprehensive plan. She passed around a sign-up sheet to the entire room and also stated that this is the 2nd and final public meeting for the plan. She then called Corey Daly and Scott Bergen of HWC Engineering to present the comprehensive Plan via power point. After they completed the presentation questions were entertained. There were none. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Rick Goins was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.
2. The City's new website was rolled out today.
3. Gannett Media contacted the City about Rush County having 11% per capita increase which was tied for 103rd with counties in the nation.
4. Campaign Quarters tour took place.
5. The Purchase Agreement was signed on the Princess Theater and the City has taken possession.
6. Talked to Ivy Tech regarding future involvement in the community.
7. The City Attorney and the Mayor will meet with engineers next week regarding INDOT's contract for the Cherry Street project.
8. The application for Hometown Collaborative Initiative is due December 8, 2014 and the City was invited to apply. The City will do so.
9. The Mayor reported on the Long Range Planning meeting.

10. Will meet with Shelly King on December 8th regarding marketing.
11. Met with Jemmy Miller and Robin Warner on some minor issues with 16th Street.
12. Reported that the City Attorney completed the revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Northside Pond project.
13. Reported the membership of the Princess Theater Advisory Committee and that it will not be a usage board. The usage board will be appointed later.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Clerk-Treasurer Copley, Bridges informed the Department Heads that Copley had encumbrances in her notes. Therefore, those encumbrances to be carried over to 2015 should probably be to her before the next meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges reported that he met with Rob Hadley, Principal of RCHS and Julie Connolly, Art Teacher, to discuss a marketing plaque which he found to appear very nice. He will investigate a plaque for marketing the City further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park's Board** – Rollout will be in January.
- **Marketing** – None other than what was stated in the Council President's report.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Have not received the draft back from the consultant.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – The Mayor will meet with Bruce Levi and Grant Reeves.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out his monthly report. There were 454 transports so far this year.

Mohler was given a 30-day extension by the Unsafe Hearing Board with no more extensions to be given.

The Board of Works gave permission to make promotions effective March 1st due to the retirement of Captain Spilman. Due to Spilman's retirement there will be a Captain's position open which will be filled from the existing Lieutenants, who will need to apply and be scored. Once a Lieutenant is promoted to Captain, there will also be a vacancy for Lieutenant.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Sheehan reported that there were various people interested in the redevelopment properties. The Mayor told him to steer them to Deb Lilly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **City's Property Redevelopment Program – Residential and Commercial** – More discussion was held about interest in the properties. Deb Lilly advised Council to tell anyone interested to come to the public hearing in January. Lilly also reported that the residential part of the revitalization program will come after the 2 commercial

properties are revitalized. One of the commercial properties is ready to be submitted for public hearing. The City Attorney reported that the other one will be filed for quiet title action this week.

2. **Rush County School Road Dedication** – The survey has not been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-25 Approving Comprehensive Plan** – Sheehan moved to approve Resolution 2014-25. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Police Uniform and Training Reimbursement Contract New Hires/Fire Department Gear and Training Reimbursement Contract New Hires** – The Mayor reported that at the Board of Works meeting discussion was held that the Police and Fire contracts should be generic and that price will be referenced as a spreadsheet exhibit so the contract will not change with the exception of the spreadsheet exhibit. The contracts will be restructured and brought before the Board in the next month.
3. **Gas Bids** – Only one bid was submitted by Harvest Land Co-op, Inc. Extensive discussion was held. Smith moved to approve it at the fixed price. Conner seconded. Sheehan abstained. All others voted unanimously to approve and the motion passed.
4. **E-Verify Clause JTL Contract** – Shelly Wakefield explained that her companies' contracts with the City must include the e-verify clause pursuant to Federal law so she presented affidavits for each contract with the e-verify clause. Smith moved to approve the affidavits to be added to each of her company's contracts with the City. Bridges moved to second the motion. All voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.